

## PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PARKING PRIVILEGES

Colorado law, CRS 42-3-204, states that when an individual's ability to move from place to place without the aid of a mechanical device or when an individual has a physical impairment that limits substantially their ability to move from place to place, that individual qualifies for persons with disabilities parking privileges.

### Disability Parking Is Provided

- To assure that individuals requiring additional space to enter or exit their vehicles have that needed space.
- To provide parking as close to the main entrance of a facility for persons whose disability substantially limits their ability to move from place to place.

The disability privilege allows a qualifying individual to park in any parking space marked with the International Symbol of Access as reserved for persons with disabilities. Disability placards/plates are only to be used by the person to whom they are issued - to enter or exit the vehicle while it is parked in a disabled parking space.

The State of Colorado offers several license plates and placards, which authorize an individual to park in disabled parking spaces. You may apply for these plates and placards at any County Motor Vehicle Office in the County where you reside. They are Temporary or 3-year Placards and Disability or Motorcycle Disability License Plates.

### PLATE AND PLACARD RESTRICTIONS

One set of disability license plates and one parking placard per applicant or two parking placards per applicant is imposed.

The placard must be hung from the rear view mirror and/or clearly displayed at all times the vehicle is parked in disabled parking and must be removed before driving the vehicle. The placard may be used in any vehicle where the applicant is a passenger or driver. When displaying the Disability Placard, you must carry the Disability Placard receipt.

Plates are valid for one year and must be renewed annually. They must be clearly displayed at all times the vehicle is parked in disabled parking. Front and rear plates are required; the exception is motorcycles. No other plate may be attached to the vehicle.

If the vehicle is jointly owned, the registration receipt will identify the owner authorized to use the plate or placard. (If more than one owner is eligible for disability privileges, each owner must apply individually to exercise said privileges.)

### WHERE TO GET THE APPLICATION

Contact your County Motor Vehicle Office as listed in the Blue Pages of your telephone book. Or, connect to the Colorado State Website at [www.revenue.state.co.us](http://www.revenue.state.co.us)

### HOW TO APPLY FOR A PLACARD

Submit the DR 2219 Application for Persons with Disabilities Parking Privileges signed by the applicant or representative and certified by a licensed Colorado physician or Commissioned Medical Officer to your County Motor Vehicle office.

### Temporary and Three Year Disability Placards



### HOW TO APPLY FOR PLATES

Submit the items below to your County Motor Vehicle office.

1. Submit the DR 2219 Application for Persons with Disabilities Parking Privileges signed by the applicant or representative and certified by a licensed Colorado physician or Commissioned Medical officer to your County Motor Vehicle office.
2. A copy of the vehicle registration or title for the vehicle upon which the plates will be registered. (The applicant's name must appear as the owner or co-owner on the title of the vehicle.)

**NOTE:** Issuance of Three Year parking placards to organizations that transport Persons with Disabilities can be done upon submission of the following documents (all documents must be kept in the vehicle while the placard is displayed):

- A letter, on the organization's letterhead stationery, signed by the CEO (or equivalent) of the organization stating the use of the vehicle(s).

- Copies of the registration or titles for the vehicles that will use the placard. Vehicles must be titled in the name of the organization.



**Disability License Plates**



**Motorcycle Disability License Plates**

### **HOW TO APPLY FOR HANDICAPPED DISABLED VETERAN LICENSE PLATES**

Submit the items below to the Department of Revenue, Registration Section.

1. Submit the DR 2219 Application for Persons with Disabilities Parking Privileges signed by the applicant or representative and certified by a licensed Colorado physician or Commissioned Medical officer to your County Motor Vehicle office.
2. A copy of the vehicle registration or title for the vehicle upon which the plates will be registered. (The applicant's name must appear as the owner or co-owner on the title of the vehicle.)
3. A written statement from the Veteran's Administration or from the branch of service (on letterhead stationary) where compensation is received stating the applicant has:
  - A permanent Disability, service connected, rated 50% or more, or
  - Loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet, or
  - Loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands, or
  - Loss of sight in both eyes.



**Handicapped Disabled Veteran License Plates**



**Motorcycle Handicapped Disabled Veteran License Plates**

### **LOST/STOLEN PLATES/PLACARDS**

If your placard or disability license plate is lost or stolen, you are required to report it to local law enforcement and your County Motor Vehicle Office immediately.

### **RECERTIFICATION**

- Every three years the applicant must re-certify their disability. (Not required for Handicapped Disabled Veteran unless the plate is being transferred.)
- Renewal letter/affidavit may be signed by the applicant or representative upon penalty of perjury.
- Physician's signature not required for recertification.

### **RECIPROCITY**

The state of Colorado honors valid disability license plates and placards issued by other states. Those issued in Colorado will also be honored when used in other states.

### **LOSS OF PRIVILEGES**

The privileges granted to Colorado disability plate and placard holders will be denied when:

- Applicant moves to another state.
- Applicant is deceased.
- Applicant is no longer disabled.

Surviving spouses/relatives are not entitled to continue use of these plates. The Department of Revenue, Registration Section should be notified within 30 days if any of the above circumstances occur. All plates issued to that individual will need to be returned to the Department of Revenue, Registration Section.

### **FINES/REVOCATIONS**

Any law-enforcement officer or authorized uniformed parking enforcement official may check identification to ensure that the authorized user is a passenger in or driver of a vehicle utilizing a disability license plate or placard in a Disabled Parking place.

Infractions may result in suspension/revocation of plate or placard and fines of up to \$1,000.

For information regarding fines or revocations, please call (303) 205-5607.